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SUBJ: UK COMMENTS ON MFA

1. IN LONDON MEETING ON OCTOBER 19 MINISTER OF TRADE EDMUND DELL QUOTED DIRECTLY FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSS LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, SAYING HE HOPED THE AMERICANS WOULD NOW CONSIDER THE BRITISH "STATESMANSHIP LIKE AND ACTING FOR THE COMMON GOOD" IN LIFTING THEIR OBJECTION TO THE EC MANDATE FOR TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE COULCIL OF MINISTERS'S MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG ON TUESDAY.

2. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD REPLIED THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERN-MENT AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN PARTICULAR ARE VERY PLEASED
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WITH THE BRITISH MOVE AND BELIEVE THIS BODES WELL FOR FURTHER SUCCESSES IN OUR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. MCDONALD REEMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY TO CONCLUDE REASONABLY AND PROMPTLY THE EC BILATERALS SO THAT IT COULD SIGN THE PROTOCOL FOR MFA RENEWAL WHEN OPENED ON DECEMBER 15. MCDONALD FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES THE POLITICAL COURAGE IN THIS AND OTHER ACTS

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ON TRADE ISSUES EXHIBITED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AND PARTICULARLY THE PERSONAL, POSITIVE LEADERSHIP OF SIR EDMUND IN THESE AREAS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE ACTS, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS MOMENTARILY UNPOPULAR AT HOME, WERE SIMILAR TO THE COURAGEOUS STANDS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS IN FAVOR OF LIBERALIZED TRADE.

3. SIR EDMUND RESPONDED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE UK ACTION IN LUXEMBOURG, THEY, TOO, NOW HOPED FOR THE SUCCESSFUL RENEWAL OF THE MFA. MCDONALD

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